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*2156 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaint from one Sri B. Pachayappa Pillai, Chethukkarai, Gudiyatham, alleging that his brother Arumugam died on 27th February 1955 while in Police custody under suspicious circumstances;

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted in the matter; and

(*c*) the results thereof?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2157 given notice of by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, if the allegation that the person died of poisoning is true, how did he manage to get the poison while he was in the police custody? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That matter is under investigation. As soon as the investigation is over, if it is possible, I will give the information to the hon. Member."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த நபர் போலீஸாரால் அடிக்கப்பட்டதால் இறக்கவில்லையென்று திட்டவட்டமாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அபிப்பிராயம் தெரிவித்தால் திட்டமான ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்த பிறகு மீண்டும் விசாரணை செய்வதன் அவசியம் என்ன ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The inquiry was held by the Sub-Collector, Tirupattur, and the autopsy of the dead body was done not by the local Medical Officer for whom his relatives had objection but by the District Medical Officer. The result of the enquiry and the post-mortem examination show that the death was due to poisoning. Now the question is, how did he get at the poison and that is under investigation."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since now and then cases like this crop up in this House and it is a matter of some embarrassment for the Government, may I reiterate that judicial magistrates may be asked to make enquiries instead of Sub-Collectors? Also, stipendiary judicial magistrates may be asked to make a routine visit of police lock-ups once in a way."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Visiting once in a way will not improve matters if, as a matter of fact, there is something wrong in the system of police lock-ups. As for the other suggestion that judicial magistrates should be asked to hold enquiries, I do not think it will be a desirable thing because it will have to be quickly done and the executive officers are more fitted to do it."

9-20 a.m. Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" அதில் விஷம் இருந்ததாகக் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ஞர்கள். அப்படி விஷம் இருந்தால் அது யாரால் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டது ? அது கிண்டி

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இன்ஸ்டிட்யூட்டுக்குப் பரிசீலனைக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டதா ? அப்படி அனுப்பப் பட்டிருந்தால், அந்த சம்பவம் நிகழ்ந்து எவ்வளவு நாளைக்குப் பிறகு அனுப்பப்பட்டது ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Immediately after post-mortem examination, viscera was sent to the Chemical Examiner at Guindy. The Chemical Examiner detected Sodium Nitrate in the matter sent to him for examination."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know when was the report made to the Police, when was the autopsy conducted and when was the viscera sent to Guindy for analysis? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the details here. The occurrence took place on 27th February 1955. The other dates are not available. If the hon. Member is interested I can give him the dates."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I shall now pass on to the next question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The general convention is, Sir, that the hon. Member who puts the main question is given a chance to put a supplementary question as soon as the answer to the main question is read. Sir, I did not get a chance to put a supplementary question at all."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" You must catch the eye of the Speaker."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Your eye is most elusive."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I shall now pass on to the next question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The matter is very important and I request that an half hour debate may be allowed on this question."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister says that the whole matter is under investigation and that the report from the Sub-Collector has not been received. Therefore, what is the use of having a half hour discussion on this matter? I shall now pass on to the next question."

Construction of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in South Kanara.

* 2158 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the construction of the Mudesheddi Tuberculosis Sanatorium in South Kanara; and

(*b*) when the work is likely to be completed?